

LOGNOTE: Chief, Okinawa Bureau

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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF ANTENNA FIELD PLOTS -- The Chief of Real Estate Management for Kadena Air Base passed on to me a "Request for Study on Partial Release of Facilities and Areas on Okinawa" they had received from the Naha Defense Facilities Administration Bureau (DFAB). The Okinawa Bureau land is considered Air Force property. In connection with the renegotiation of land leases (which expire in May 1992) by the Japanese government the memo identifies 11 plots in our antenna field (and others belonging to Kadena) owned by individuals who have not yet agreed to "pre-agreements". We were requested to study the feasibility of releasing the plots back to the landowners before the DFAB resorts to the law providing for expropriation of land for land "which it can be elucidated that the use by U.S. Forces is 'right and reasonable'". In coordination with what the Air Force is doing, we examined all the plots and determined that two of them (687 sq.m and 99 sq.m), on the outer boundaries of the antenna field, are not necessary to our operation and we would have no objection to their release. We found in the records that 8 similar plots were returned back in 1978. The other 9 plots are integral to the antenna field. I passed on this decision to the Air Force, with a copy to USFJ. The Air Force will be drafting a coordinated response to DFAB.

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